

SPORT NOTES

1931 BASEBALL CAMPAIGN

New York: Bring nothing more than a few personal observations on the 1931 baseball season which only a few days ago was laid away in lavender and old squash.

Biggest figure—Ye old closer, Hack Wilson and the Brooklyn Robbies.

Best rookie—Paul Derringer of the Cards.

Most valuable players—Lou Gehrig, Yankees, and Chuck Klein, Phillies who did everything, but take up tickets and now the out field.

Most improved pitchers—Lefty Gomez, Yankees, and Leroy Mathey A's.

Biggest hero—Nick Altrock and Al Schacht, "funny men" of the Senators. The boys might have once been funny, but so was the gag about "who was that lady I see you with, etc."

Most successful experiment—Those of John McGraw and Joe McCarthy in switching infielders Freddie Lanning and Ben Chapman to right and left field respectively.

Biggest pain in the neck—Pat Malone, the strong man of the Cubs.

Most successful "top"—A.J. Perrelli, Indians, who although often managed to win 22 games.

Most overpaid players—Hack Wilson and Dazzy Vance, Robbies. Most unsportsmanlike act—P. Hall's attack on a reporter after his size, and the shower of bottles the St. Louis fans awarded Freddie Leach of the Giants for a road catch.

Unluckiest Club—The Athletics. Believe it or not, "The world champion" had twice as many injuries as any other in either league.

The biggest slice of dough—Hack and Charlie Leasing. Charlie and Ruth would win the home-run championship.

Second biggest slice—Oscar Melillo's "I owe it all to spaghetti."

Biggest hero—Lefty Grove, Babe Ruth and Pepper Martin.

Most consistent club—Cincinnati. In the cellar all the way.

Luckiest players—Wally Hoy, Wally Rootster, Andy High, Lewis Kravane and those other guys who got dropped kerplunk into the World Series cup and dough.

Best infield rookie—Johnny Vezina, Giants.

Best outfield rookie—Pepper Martin, Cards.

Most disappointing—Charlie Wilson, Braves.

Most colorless club—Detroit Tigers.

Most amusing club—Brooklyn's Dazzling Boys.

HORNBY REBUILDING CUBS

With his eyes on 1932, Rogers Hornsby is passing up a chance for a larger share in the world's attitude by trying out his Chicago Cub recruits in the thick of the pennant race.

Chicago's Hornsby takes the attitude you can find out more about a young player's ability in one championship struggle than in a whole spring training trip. Few managers, however, have his courage to pass up the opportunity to win games and finish higher in the current season.

A federal rebuilding program is in store for the Cubs during the winter and the 1932 edition of William Wrigley's million dollar top promises to be in the thick of the National League pennant race. The Cubs have now the largest staff of scouts in history, and Owner Wrigley has his bank roll ready to buy any players that Manager Rogers Hornsby believes will strengthen the team. Several prominent minor league players have been purchased and more are to be bought. The Cubs paid ap-

proximately \$5000 for Second Baseman Billy Herman Louisville star, who already has reported.

Mike Kneib, star right fielder of the De Moines Western league club was purchased, and will report to Chicago.

Reports continue to circulate that the Cubs will buy Art Shires, former Chicago White Sox man who has been hitting around .300 all season for the Milwaukee American association club.

The story had it that the Cubs offered Hack Wilson for Shires and were turned down. There is little doubt that the Cubs offered him to see him active duty in 1932. This was back on him last fall and he was in an emergency.

The Cubs need a pair of outfielders, a couple of infielders and three or four new pitchers to put up the remnants of the 1929 championship team. Kid Cuyler is the halfback of the Cubs outfield, but the collapse of Hack Wilson and the failure of Danny Taylor and Joe Judge to develop as regulars have left the Cubs in dire need of added strength in that quarter. There has been some talk that the Cubs will bid high for Chuck Klein, Phillies star.

CONNIE MACK'S STARS

Connie Mack has set on the Philadelphia bench longer than most of us can remember and in that time a great number of have-both stars and losers in review before him. Of all the players who have shuffled on the diamond under his direction the least likely has picked the following as his star nine: Left field Al Simmons; center field Mike Hain; right field Danny Murphy; first base Harry Davis; second base Eddie Collins; third base Frank Baker; shortstop Jack Barry; catcher Mickey Coleman; pitcher Chief Bender.

On this team, it will be noted, Connie has picked three of his personal champions—Simmons, Hain and Coleman, and six from his great teams of 20 or more years ago. Naturally he has had to overlook many sterling players. Present day fans will be unable to understand how he could let Lefty Grove, yet a more brilliant, if less reliable, lethead, Babe Walden, does not get a place and does not see exceptional star past Eddie Plank who shared the pitching honors with Bender and Coombs when the Athletics were in their prime.

But Mack had no hesitation in choosing the Indian as his first choice. "I never saw his equal as a money pitcher and never will if he would train for one important game just like a flitter train for a title bout."

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Ginger—What did he say?

Reggie—Cheap, cheap.

Ginger—Well, a duck told me what kind of a doctor your old man was.

Hector—My girl is a decided blonde.

Helga—Yes, I was with her when she decided.

Heard on The Street

She was telling an acquaintance about her girl friends.

"Yes," she said, "my friend Maad is only 25, but she's been married three times. And all her husbands have been named William."

"Why she must be a regular B.I. collector!"

"How do you like the new didd, Willie?" asked the neighbor of the boy whose mother had married again.

"It's not nearly so good as doing my night work for me as my first one was," sighed Willie.

Annal Het Says—When a man thinks he is "confident" his past to his wife, he's just bragging about what a hellion he used to be."

A Scotch farmer, being elected to the school board, visited the school and tested the intelligence of the class by the question: "Now boys, give an example of a man who is a good boy."

After a moment's silence a small boy in a back seat answered: "The man who sold me the other day for holding my horse."

"Yes," said Homer McGrewer, "my family can trace its ancestry back to William the Conqueror."

"I suppose," sneered Carl Brown, "you'll be telling us that your ancestors were in the Ark with Noah."

"Certainly not," said Carl. "My people had a boat of their own."

Jim Gannon—Hello, Jim, Robin, you own cigarettes?

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